

## REMARKS

In the above-identified Office Action the examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 4-8 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 USC 103(a) as obvious over US Patent No. 6,255, 381 to Park, et al. ("Park"). The examiner also objected to claims 2, 4, and 8.

Claims 5-6 and 8 are directed to a method of inhibiting the loss of solar reflectance over time of an exterior elastomeric coating composition comprising forming the coating composition comprising an organic binder, having a Tg less than -20°C, at least one inorganic additive, and a solid particulate organic polymer having a Tg greater than 70°C, wherein the solid particulate organic polymer having a Tg greater than 70°C is present in an amount such that a volume ratio of the organic binder to the solid particulate organic polymer having a Tg greater than 70°C is in the range of 1.6 : 1 to 95 : 1; applying the coating composition to an exterior surface; and exposing the coating for a period of greater than 18 months.

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 7 are cancelled without prejudice herein. The amendment to claim 8 corrects the pendency of that claim. The amendment to claim 4 has support in original claim 4, in the specification at page 7, lines 9-14, the "Exposure Example" at page 20, and in Table 7 at page 21.

### OBJECTION TO CLAIM 8

The examiners objection to claim 8 over the pendency of that claim is believed to have been resolved by amendment as suggested by the examiner.

### REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5-8 UNDER 35 USC 102(e)

The examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Park. Applicants respectfully submit that the method of their claims 5-6 and 8, as amended, is not anticipated by Park because Park does not disclose applying the coating composition to an exterior surface; and exposing the

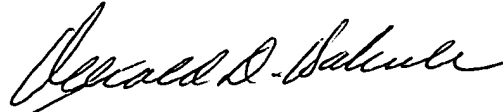
coating for a period of greater than 18 months. Applicants conclude that their claims 5-6 and 8 are not anticipated under 35 USC 102(e) over Park because each and every element of their claims is not disclosed by Park. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to withdraw this rejection.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 5-8 UNDER 35 USC 103(a)

The examiner rejected claims 5-8 under 35 USC 103(a) as being obvious over Park. Applicants respectfully submit that Park is nonanalogous art in that a coating for paper boxes is not art which one skilled in the art of outdoor durable coatings would consider relevant to solving the problem of inhibiting the loss of solar reflectance over time of an exterior elastomeric coating composition, such as a roof coating. Even if one were to consider Park as related art, which applicants do not, applicants respectfully submit that their claims 5-6 and 8 are not obvious over Park because Park does not teach or suggest using his anti-slip coating applied to Kraft paper boxes as a coating suitable for long term outdoor exposure and therefore not relevant to applicants' method. Since the paper boxes themselves would not be expected to possess multi-month outdoor durability, one would clearly not be motivated to expect with any degree of confidence that Park's box coating would be suitable for inhibiting the loss of solar reflectance over time of an exterior elastomeric coating composition. Applicants conclude that their claims 5-6 and 8 are not obvious under 35 USC 103(a) over Park. Applicants respectfully request the examiner to withdraw this rejection.

Applicants respectfully request the examiner to pass their claims 5-6 and 8 , as amended, to allowance at this time. Applicants' agent is available in order to expedite the allowance of this case at 215-641-7822 or by FAX at 215-619-1918.

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